AMENDMENTS

<u>In the specification:</u>

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 27, with the following paragraph:

The recurrence of the event in Table 1, indicating errors on the link connected to port 1 of switch 7, represents an intermittent, recurring problem with the link. In particular, in this example, the link is monitored every 30 seconds, and so it can be deduced from the event log that the link was operating normally, for example, between 2.00:30 and 2.02:30 and at 2.05. The event list shown in Table [[3]] 1 is thus cluttered with events due to this recurring network problem which obscure more significant errors such as the problems with hub 11 at 2.10 and 2.15.

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